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TO AMBASSADOR - KIGALI AND TO AMBASSADOR - BUJUMBURA

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

1. FOLLOWING IS THE AUGUST 31 RWANDA AND BURUNDI SITREP.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

RWANDA

DIPLOMATIC/POLITICAL

(C) THE NEW RWANDAN CABINET WAS NAMED. THE NEW PRIME
MINISTER, PIERRE CELESTIN RWIGEMA, IS A HUTU FROM THE
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SAME PARTY AS THE OUTGOING PM. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STAYED ON, BUT THE MINISTERS OF JUSTICE AND INTERIOR WERE REMOVED AS EXPECTED. THE NEW GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS ROUGHLY THE SAME PARTY AND ETHNIC BALANCE AS THE OLD.

RECONSTRUCTION/REDEVELOPMENT

(U) THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA SIGNED OFF ON A UNDP PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE 50 TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO REVIEW PRISONERS' DOSSIERS AS PART OF EFFORTS TO RESTART THE RWANDAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND REDUCE THE PRISON POPULATION. 10 WILL ARRIVE IN SEPTEMBER, 20 IN OCTOBER, 20 IN NOVEMBER.

BURUNDI

SECURITY: INTERNAL, BORDER, REGIONAL

(C) INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICE RETURNED TO BUJUMBURA AFTER THREE DAYS OF DISRUPTION DUE TO A STRIKE. BUJUMBURA IS CALM. THE HUTU GOVERNOR OF BUBANZA STATED THAT THE ARMY HAD BEEN FIGHTING 600 ARMED HUTUS IN HIS PROVINCE. HE SAID THAT 200 HUTU CIVILIANS HAD BEEN KILLED AND 130,000 CIVILIANS DISPLACED IN BUBANZA SINCE APRIL.

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